

WATER SAMPLE INFORMATION

Only use bottles that you have obtained from an accredited or certified laboratory. Have a few extra bottles on hand in case of improper sampling. Do not accept or use bottles that appear damaged or open.

1. Store unused bottles in a cool, dry area and do not subject the bottles to high heat, damp conditions, direct sunlight, or contact with contaminants. Refer to your laboratory about bottle expiration times.
2. **Do not** collect samples on windy or rainy days. Coliform bacteria are present in soil, so dust or wind-blown debris can contaminate your sample. Rainwater dripping from a roof may also contaminate the sample.
3. The laboratory cannot accept samples that they deem are too old or unsuitable for analysis. Check with your lab for maximum sample hold times. You must replace each rejected sample with a suitable sample within 24 hours.
4. Keep the samples cool during transport to the laboratory by storing them on reusable cooler packs. If you must store a sample on ice, you may place it in a plastic bag and ensure that the top of the bottle is not submerged in the melting water. The water can infiltrate the bottle and contaminate the sample. Warm temperatures allow bacteria to multiply. If you are going to hold the sample before delivery to the laboratory, refrigerate it.
5. **Do not** touch the bottle or cap, blow into the inside of the bottle or cap, place the cap on the ground or hold the bottle upside down. Treat the bottle with care because it is sterile. Improper handling can contaminate the bottle and cause coliform-positive results.
6. **Do not** rinse the bottle before collecting the sample. The pill, powder, or liquid inside is there for a purpose and does not affect the result.
7. Fill the sample bottle to the **neck** only. There must be 110 mL of water in the bottle. Do not over- or under-fill the bottle.
8. **Do not** store or transport compliance samples with other non-potable water samples, especially wastewater samples.

PAYMENT FOR WATER SAMPLES

The cost is \$15 per sample payable by cash or check. All samples will be tested at:

**Brazoria County Water Lab
409 East Orange Street
Angleton
979-864-1628**

**LABORATORY SAMPLE BOTTLES AND INFORMATION
ARE ALSO AVAILABLE FROM THE FOLLOWING COUNTY
OFFICES:**

BRAZORIA COUNTY LOCATIONS:

**ALVIN SUB-TAX OFFICE
260 GEORGE STREET SUITE #200
ALVIN
281-331-3692**

**PEARLAND SUB-TAX OFFICE WEST
2555 CULLEN PARKWAY
PEARLAND
281-997-6948**

**PEARLAND SUB-TAX OFFICE EAST
2337 N. GALVESTON RD
PEARLAND
281-997-0097**

**MANVEL SUB-TAX OFFICE
7313 CORPORATE DRIVE
MANVEL
281-756-2450**

ALSO FROM THE FOLLOWING CITY LOCATIONS:

**SWEENEY CITY HALL
979-548-3321**

**WEST COLUMBIA CITY HALL
979-345-3123**